

Date: November 10, 2007

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *PLW*

From: Christine F. Andersen, Airport Director *CFA*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: Annual Long Beach Airport Noise Budget Analysis Report

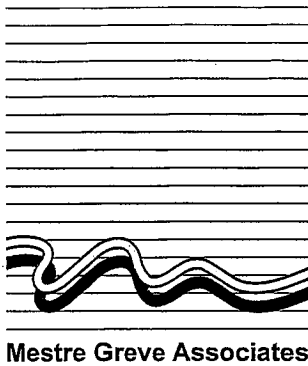
The City's Airport Noise Compatibility Ordinance and the 2003 Airline Settlement Agreement provide for the compilation of an annual noise budget report, based on the prior 12-month period of October 1 through September 30. The Noise Budget Analysis Report determines if air carriers (airlines) serving Long Beach Airport are over or under their allotted cumulative noise budget. The allocation of supplemental slots would only be considered if it was determined by the City that the allocation would not cause an exceedence of the air carriers' noise budget for the succeeding year.

Based on the fact that the air carriers, as a whole, did not operate all 41 daily flight slots through much of the year, and based on cumulative noise levels registered during the time when all 41 daily flight slots were in operation, it is the finding of the City's expert noise consultant (see attached Mestre Greve Associates analysis) that no supplemental flight slots should be made available for the period October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008.

This information will be made available on the Airport's website and further provided to the public at the November Airport Advisory Commission meeting. Please contact Airport Director Christine Andersen at extension 8-2605 if you have any questions about this matter.

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Attachment



October 14, 2007

Mr. Mike Mais
Assistant City Attorney
Long Beach Airport
4100 Donald Douglas Drive
Long Beach, CA 90808

Subject: Long Beach Airport Noise Budget Status For Budget Year October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007

Dear Mike,

For the past few years Mestre Greve Associates has been completing a status report for the Air Carrier portion of the Long Beach Airport Noise Budget. This budget is a key part of Long Beach Airport Noise Compatibility Ordinance LBMC 16.43. The ordinance permits 41 air carrier flights per day and permits additional flights to be allocated if the air carrier noise levels are below the noise budget.

The budget year October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007 was, like Budget Year 2006, not a typical year. American Airlines ceased service at Long Beach during the Year 2006 Budget Year and after the reallocation of these flights to other airlines, the full realization of the reallocated flights has not yet occurred. As a result, for Budget Year 2007, the air carriers operated below the 41 permitted flights per day. For example for the period from April through June of 2007, the air carriers operated an average of 38 flights per weekday. This is below the 41 flights permitted. The question of adding additional flights beyond the 41 permitted flights is moot because the air carriers did not utilize the 41 permitted. Further, based on the noise levels recorded during the period of April through June of 2007, it is unlikely that the budget would permit additional flights.

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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Yours very truly,
Mestre Greve Associates

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Vincent Mestre', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Vincent Mestre, P.E.